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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 5413

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SUBJECT: U.S. AND AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR

1. AUSTRALIA DFA HAS INFORMED US THAT GOA PROBABLY WILL
SEND A SHIP TO PORTUGUESE TIMOR WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS
TO PICK UP ANY AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS WHO MIGHT WISH TO
LEAVE. DFA ESTIMATES THERE ARE ABOUT 50 OR SO AUSTRAL-
IANS ON TIMOR. DFA ADVISED US THAT GOA WOULD BE WILL-
ING TO PICK UP ANY U.S. CITIZENS IN TIMOR AS WELL IF WE
WERE TO REQUEST THIS.

2. DFA ALSO HAS GOTTEN WORD THAT APPROXIMATELY 300 POR-
TUGUESE DEPENDENTS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM TIMOR AND ARE
HEADED FOR DARWIN BY SHIP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE EMBASSY
IF IT SHOULD ASK GOA TO EVACUATE ANY U.S. CITIZENS IN
PORTUGUESE TIMOR WHO WISH TO LEAVE. PERCIVAL UNQUOTE
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